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**To:** [Rick Scott](#)  
**Cc:** [Jose Ojeda](#); [Jay Keith](#); [Jay Keith](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [External] Bulldog Environmental - Anton, TX  
**Date:** Friday, January 8, 2021 5:35:00 PM

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Rick, thanks for your and your company's effort and prompt response amid the holidays and the pandemic. My contractor Jose will provide me with a summary of your actions but based on periodic communications with him while on-site I'm not anticipating that I'll need anything else from you at this time. Please continue to coordinate with Jay from TCEQ in case the State still have additional requirements from you to meet. Hopefully I'll be in the area soon to complete the rest of the removal. Thanks again, Roberto.

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Gentlemen:

It appears that the product in Anton is now gone and the last 9 pallets on their way to disposal. I should have all acceptance manifest's by Monday, which should put a close to this. If there is anything that any of you need related to this please let me know, and good luck with the remainder of the project.

Best Regards

Rick Scott

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**From:** Rick Scott <[rscott@scottmanufacturing.com](mailto:rscott@scottmanufacturing.com)>  
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Jose

Just to confirm for everyone. Looks like the crew will be in Anton Monday afternoon in preparation for beginning on Tuesday morning.

I will advise if something changes.

Thanks

Rick

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 1, 2021, at 10:31 AM, Bernier, Roberto <[bernier.roberto@epa.gov](mailto:bernier.roberto@epa.gov)> wrote:

Jose

So far Monday will be the start date so you should travel Sunday. Just in case you need to coordinate timing, the 3<sup>rd</sup> party contact is Rick Scott at 806-777-9465. There's a possibility that his response contractor actually begin removing stuff on Tuesday but should be there on Monday.

The TCEQ contact is waste section manager Jay Keith at (806) 796-7092 and he is sending someone but not sure who yet. I'm cc'ing both Jay and Rick.

Roberto

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**From:** Ojeda, Jose <[Jose.Ojeda@WestonSolutions.com](mailto:Jose.Ojeda@WestonSolutions.com)>

**Sent:** Thursday, December 31, 2020 6:43 PM

**To:** Bernier, Roberto <[bernier.roberto@epa.gov](mailto:bernier.roberto@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: [External] Bulldog Environmental - Anton, TX

Roberto,

I am anticipating on returning from the gasoline spill in Arkansas on Friday, 1 January 2021, and will be available to mobilize to the Bulldog site on Sunday, 3 January. Let me know if Scott Manufacturing is still planning on beginning work on Monday, 4 January.

**José L. Ojeda**

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Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 31, 2020, at 2:38 PM, Rick Scott <[rscott@scottmanufacturing.com](mailto:rscott@scottmanufacturing.com)> wrote:

Roberto:

There are 142 that were from Scott Manufacturing. I think Monday would be fine as a start date. They may want to mobilize over the weekend, but I anticipate the work will begin Monday or Tuesday and we will notify both yourself and Jay of that.

Additionally, we will be keeping records of actions taken with regard to all of this, both for you and us.

Thanks

Rick

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Rick thanks for the update. Can you tell me how many of the drums were identified as generated by Scott Manufacturing. This general plan sounds appropriate but I'm also going to refer to Jay (TCEQ) in case there's a State concern with it. Keep in mind that both TCEQ and us will have a staff present to document the activities and raise any concern if needed. Due to the travel restrictions still in place for us during the pandemic, I'll have one of my contractors on site instead. I just talked to them and is preferable for us if you could to start on Monday. Let me know if that's ok. Thanks for the prompt response to action, in particular during this time of the year with the pandemic and the holidays combined. Again, let me know the number of your drums, Roberto.

Jay fell free to provide any input, thanks

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Roberto:

We have now come to a resolution as to a plan.

We have defined all of the product which appears to be ours.

We have taken a couple of samples to verify that it is universal waste. We have the proper equipment, overpacks, etc. located to accommodate the number of drums that will require overpacks to be in compliance with DOT specifications.

A proper area will be established to handle drums, and proper containment measures will be available and taken in case integrity of the drums is compromised.

All drums will be prepared as necessary and loaded into dry vans for transportation.

All drums will be remarked and proper manifests generated.

Drums will be taken to proper disposal facility and all manifest copies and COD's will be returned to Scott Manufacturing.

All handling and preparation will be done by certified personnel.

With your approval, we can mobilize this project Sunday or Monday and anticipate that the product will be at the disposal facility by the of next week.

Please advise if we are approved to proceed and we will do so.

Thank You  
Rick Scott  
806-777-9465

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**From:** Bernier, Roberto <[bernier.roberto@epa.gov](mailto:bernier.roberto@epa.gov)>  
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Thanks Rick, appreciate the efforts to get it taken care of promptly. Let us know.

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**From:** Rick Scott <[rscott@scottmanufacturing.com](mailto:rscott@scottmanufacturing.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 21, 2020 10:45 AM  
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Gentlemen:  
I am continuing to tie down a good plan and pricing related to this project, and should be able to do this within a few days.  
I apologize for the delay and understand the desire to get this material taken care of, and will do so.  
I just wanted to touch base and let you know where I am. Please let me know if you have questions or comments and I will have a good plan soon.  
Best Regards  
Rick Scott  
806-777-9465

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**From:** Rick Scott  
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Roberto:  
Thank you, and I will wait to hear from TCEQ.  
Best  
Rick Scott

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**From:** Bernier, Roberto <[bernier.roberto@epa.gov](mailto:bernier.roberto@epa.gov)>  
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**Subject:** RE: [External] Bulldog Environmental - Anton, TX  
Rick, after our conversation I talked to one of my colleagues with RCRA experience who indicated that if it's paint waste in Texas, it is indeed universal waste and must be handled accordingly as such under RCRA. Your questions are more specific as to how to handle the transportation and storage, as well as how to account for it as generated wastes. The State of Texas have been delegated the RCRA program that regulates these activities for this kind of waste, so I'm coping Jay Keith with TCEQ on my reply for his

input. On my side, under CERCLA, which is the statute that covers the removal or response to a release or threat of a release of a hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants, the liability falls to both the recipient as owner and/or operator of the facility, and to the original generator of the waste. In this case both Bulldog and Scott Manufacturing, respectively.

In regards to the timeline, as discussed our preference is to have the removal of the containers as soon as possible but I understand if it can't be accomplished before the holidays. Keep moving forward as much as you can, send me and Mr. Keith a brief work plan. Completing the task by the end of December/first week in January sounds good. Please let me know if you have more questions, Roberto.

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**Subject:** RE: Bulldog Environmental - Anton, TX

Roberto:

I had a conversation with Jay about this and shortly with you as well. My remediation company has sent me an email with their questions regarding this removal, so below you will see an excerpt from their email. If we could get clarification on these items then I would be able to solidify a plan and a timetable for getting this waste removed.

- How do we complete the manifest so that it is clear that this haul-off was the result of Bulldog's apparent mishandling. Do we need to complete the manifest as SMI's waste and location or SMI's waste and Bulldog's holding location? We want to ensure that the waste is appropriately accounted for and not double counted toward SMI's generator status. If it does count against SMI's generator status, the site will become a large generator of universal waste. In addition, should there be concerns for accumulation time statute exceed at the "Bulldog site" for the waste? Would there be a special waiver for this?
- Since this waste has already been accounted for once, is a one-time shipment notice required for the amount of waste being hauled off?

Please let me know your thoughts on this so that we can take care of it and give you a good plan. Additionally, Initially you had requested that we have this out of the Anton site by Christmas. The logistics are not working out thus far for this to happen, but I am getting feedback that we can possibly have it out by the end of December or the first week of January, Please advise if this is acceptable to all parties.

Please feel free to call me with any questions or clarifications, and I appreciate your assistance in this effort.

Best Regards

Rick Scott

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**Subject:** [External] Bulldog Environmental - Anton, TX

Mr. Scott (Scott Manufacturing, Inc.)

This is a follow-up to our earlier conversation today. The U.S. EPA in coordination with the TCEQ is in the process of conducting an environmental cleanup at the abandoned Bulldog Environmental site located at 213 N. Main St, Afton, TX, including the removal of hazardous substances and materials stored in containers at the site as some are showing significant signs of deterioration and leakage. I have been informed that a large number of the containers or drums were generated by your company, mostly with paint wastes, and that your company is ready to remove those drums from the site for proper disposal. As discussed, please send me a brief workplan on how you are going to perform this task, including a timetable. We are interested on having this accomplished as soon as possible, preferably before the coming holidays. As you indicated during our call, some of the drums are too deteriorated for proper transport requiring the use of overpacks or other leak prevention containment. Recent observations from our and TCEQ's staff have confirmed those conditions.

Once you provide your plan I will coordinate with the city to let them know of your intentions and as to allow uninterrupted access to the site. Both us EPA and TCEQ will have a field staff present to assist with any questions. I appreciate your prompt support to our mission and please call me or reply back if you have any questions. Thanks, Roberto.

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